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Title: OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR SYSTEM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on February 14, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
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 - iv. Other

2. A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

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